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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS
CATTLE AND SHEEP REVIEW

JANUARY 2002 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

CATTLE INVENTORY

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** contains the Cattle, Sheep and Goat Report. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

NEW MEXICO: The January 1, 2002 inventory of **all cattle and calves** at 1.58 million head was unchanged from a year ago due to the continued growth of the dairy industry in New Mexico. **Beef cow** inventory fell 7.2 percent to 500,000 head. Ranchers maintained 100,000 heifers for **beef cow replacement**, up 5.3 percent from the previous year. **Milk cow** inventory continues to increase in New Mexico growing 11 percent from 2001 to 290,000 head for 2002. Dairy producers kept 60,000 head of **dairy heifers** for replacement, up 9.1 percent from last year. The number of **steers** weighing 500 pounds and over increased 20,000 head from the year pervious to 200,000. **Bulls** on hand remained at 50,000 head. The 2001 calf crop, including both beef and dairy calves, was estimated at 610,000 head, down 3.2 percent from the previous year. **Calves** on hand January 1, 2001 totaled 270,000, the same as a year earlier. **Cattle and calves on full feed for slaughter** on January 1, 2002 fell to 108,000 head, 7,000 fewer than a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2002, totaled 96.7 million head, 1 percent below the 97.3 million on January 1, 2001 and 2 percent below the 98.2 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.2 million, were 1 percent below both the 42.6 million on January 1, 2001 and the 42.8 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.1 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and January 1, 2000.
Milk cows, at 9.11 million, were down 1 percent from both January 1, 2001 and two years ago.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2002 and the change from January 1, 2001, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, down slightly.
Beef replacement heifers, 5.56 million, down slightly.
Milk replacement heifers, 4.06 million, up slightly.
Other heifers, 10.1 million, down 1 percent.
Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.8 million, up 2 percent.
Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.24 million, down 1 percent.
Calves under 500 pounds, 15.8 million, down 3 percent.
Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.9 million, down 2 percent.

The 2001 calf crop was estimated at 38.3 million head, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 28.1 million, down 1 percent from both 2000 and 1999.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop January 1 2001-2002, New Mexico and U.S.

| | New Mexico | | United States | |
|---|----------------------|-------|---------------|----------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | |
| Cattle and Calves | 1,580 | 1,580 | 97,276.5 | 96,704.0 |
| Cows and heifers that have calved | | | | |
| Beef Cows | 539 | 500 | 33,397.2 | 33,099.7 |
| Milk Cows | 261 | 290 | 9,182.7 | 9,109.6 |
| Heifers 500 lbs. And over | | | | |
| For beef cow replacement | 95 | 100 | 5,588.1 | 5,561.0 |
| For milk cow replacement | 55 | 60 | 4,057.0 | 4,060.2 |
| Other | 130 | 110 | 10,131.0 | 10,057.1 |
| Steers 500 lbs. and over | 180 | 200 | 16,441.1 | 16,799.8 |
| Bulls 500 lbs. and over | 50 | 50 | 2,273.8 | 2,243.8 |
| Calves under 500 lbs. | 270 | 270 | 16,205.6 | 15,772.8 |
| Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter | 115 | 108 | 14,201.4 | 13,860.3 |
| Calf crop (previous year) | 630 | 610 | 38,630.6 | 38,280.4 |

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SHEEP INVENTORY

NEW MEXICO: The January 1, 2002 inventory of **all sheep and lambs** totaled 230,000 head, down 9.8 percent from last year. **Breeding sheep** showed a decrease of 7.5 percent, totaling 185,000 head. **Market sheep and lambs** decreased by 18 percent going from 55,000 head last year to 45,000 head this year. The 2001 **lamb crop**, at 140,000 head, was down 9.7 percent from 2000.

UNITED STATES: **All sheep and lamb** inventory in the United States on January 1, 2002, totaled 6.69 million head, down 4 percent from 2001 and 5 percent below two years ago. The inventory has trended down since peaking at 56.2 million head in 1942. **Breeding sheep** inventory declined to 4.91 million head on January 1, 2002, down 1 percent from 4.97 million head on January 1, 2001. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.98 million head, were 3 percent below last year. **Market sheep** and lambs on January 1, 2002, totaled 1.77 million head, down 11 percent from January 1, 2001. Market lambs comprised 96 percent of the total. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 17 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 23 percent 85 - 105 pounds, 31 percent were over 105 pounds, and 4 percent were market sheep. The 2001 **lamb crop** of 4.50 million head was down 3 percent from 2000 and established a new record low. The 2001 lambing rate was 110 per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2001, compared with 109 in 2000.

Sheep and Lambs: Number by Class and Lamb Crop, January 1, 2001-2002, New Mexico and U.S.

| Class | New Mexico | | United States | |
|--|----------------------|-------|---------------|---------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | |
| All Sheep and Lambs | 255.0 | 230.0 | 6,965.0 | 6,685.0 |
| Breeding Sheep and Lambs | 200.0 | 185.0 | 4,967.0 | 4,913.0 |
| Market Sheep and Lambs | 55.0 | 45.0 | 1,998.0 | 1,772.0 |
| Market Lambs under 65 lbs. | 11.0 | 9.0 | 470.6 | 435.9 |
| 65-84 lbs. | 16.0 | 14.0 | 359.4 | 299.9 |
| 85-105 lbs. | 16.0 | 13.0 | 487.3 | 415.6 |
| Over 105 lbs. | 9.0 | 6.0 | 604.2 | 549.0 |
| Market Sheep | 3.0 | 3.0 | 76.5 | 71.6 |
| Lamb crop Jan. 1 previous year ^{1/} | 155.0 | 140.0 | 4,622.0 | 4,495.0 |

^{1/}Lamb crop is defined as lambs born in the Eastern States and lambs docked or branded in the Western States.

GOAT INVENTORY

Angora goats in **New Mexico** decreased by 5,000 head in 2002 to 20,000 head compared to 25,000 head in 2001. A 16% decrease in the U.S. total was also evident as totals dropped by 57,000 head compared to 2001.

Goats: Inventory, Selected States and Total, January 1, 2001-2002

| Class | Angora | | All Goats | |
|--------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | |
| AZ | 34 | 32 | | |
| NM | 25 | 20 | | |
| TX | 300 | 250 | 1,400 | 1,250 |
| Total | 359 | 302 | 1,400 | 1,250 |